THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and(b) It is not a fact that Parliament passed the Lokpal Bill five times. Five attempts were, however, made by the Government in 1968, 1971, 1977, 1985 and 1989 to enact the Lokpal Bill in Parliament but this did not succeed because everytime when the Bill was under consideration of Parliament, the Lok Sabha was dissolved and consequently the Bills, lapsed.

(c) A representation from Shri Chimanbhai Mehta, Hon'ble Member, Rajya Sabha, was received in August, 1993, in which he brought out the role of institutions in various countries abroad to combat corruption at various levels.

(d) In the recent past, one Commission of Enquiry on corruption charges was appointed by the Central Government, in June, 1989 to enquire into certain land transactions in Karnataka. The Report of the Commission was sent to the State Government for appropriate action. Copies of the Report along with the Memorandum on action taken were placed on the Tables of the both Houses of Parliament. During the last 10 years, Central Government has not appointed any Commission of Enquiry against Chief Ministers of Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, and Jammu & Kashmir relating to corruption. However, such Commissions of Enquiry set up prior to 1983 had submitted their Report, which were sent to State Governments concerned, for appropriate action.

(e) No, Sir. Government have been taking appropriate action, including legislative measures to combat corruption at various levels.

Pak bid to obtain more F-16 Aircrafts

*20. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in the Times of India dated 3rd September, 1993 India has shown concern over Pakistan's bid for obtaining more F-16 Aircrafts ;

(b) if so, whether this would greatly enhance Pakistan Airforce to reach into Indian Territory ;

(c) if so, whether it has also been reported that Pakistan currently owns 3 Squardrons of the US-made Long-Range State-of-the Art Missiles for F-16 Aircrafts ;

(d) whether obtaining of more F-16 Aircrafts would greatly affect India's Airforce capability ; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (e) According to available information Pakistan has 3 Sqns. Of F-16 aircraft in its inventory. There is no information to suggest that these squadrons are equipped with Long Range state-of-the-art missiles. The acquisition of additional F-16 aircraft would enhance Pakistan's Air Defence as well as offensive capability. Pakistan's continuous efforts to acquire sophisticated armaments well beyond its legitimate defence needs is a cause of concern Government monitor all such developments having a bearing on India's security to take necessary measures to ensure adequate defence preparedness.

Mining of Uranium in Meghalaya

1. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Meghalaya has accorded its consent to the mining of uranium at Domiasiat and Khasi Hills in Meghalaya ;

(b) if so, what is the present state of the infrastructure ;

(c) whether more uranium has been discovered in adjoining and other parts of the Khasi Hills ; and

(d) if so, whether uranium has also been discovered in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Permission has been granted to the Atomic Minerals Division (AMD) of the Department of Atomc Energy to set up a temporary camp and field laboratory for carrying out leachability test at site on 600 tonnes of Uranium ore.

(b) The AMD has set up a small camp comprising temporary hutments for carrying out its exploration activities and a Pilot Plant for recovering one tonne of Uranium. Work related to building the infrastructure required for mining of Uranium from Domiasiat has not commenced.

(c) Yes, Sir. Uranium mineralisation has been discovered in Phylongdilon and Mawkyrwat Areas, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

(d) Yes, Sir. Uranium mineralisation has also been recently discovered near Lambapur in Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh.

Bhel Technology in Respect of Atomic Power Plants

2. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the Atomic Power Plants operating with BHEL turbine generators has been most unsatisfactory ;

(b) if so, which are the Atomic Power Plants operating with BHEL turbine generators ;

(c) whether any critical technical assessment of the performance of BHEL turbine generators has been made ; if so, the outcome thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that BHEL lacks in power technology and quality leadership ; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to revamp its Board by inducting outstanding technologists ; if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Five Atomic Power units are operating with Turbine generators manufactured and supplied by BHEL. These are two units each at the Madras and Narora Atomic Power Stations and one unit at Kakrapar in Gujarat. In addition the 3rd & 4th Units at Rawatbhata (Rajasthan), two units at Kaiga (Karnataka) and the 2nd Unit at Kakrapar (Gujarat) which are presently under construction also have turbines from BHEL. There have been problems with the turbines of the units at Madras and Narora. These are being overcome by BHEL and NPC by suitable corrective action and modification of the turbine blades.

(c) Critical technical assessment of the performance of the turbine generators is being made by BHEL by constant interaction with the utilities and innovation